GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF FAKE CURRENCY THROUGH THAR EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake Indian currency are being smuggled into India through Thar Express train on a large scale;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check such smuggling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a)& (b): No such incident has been reported so far.

(c): The following steps have been taken by the Government to check the smuggling:-

i): Proper fence gate at zero line and fencing on both sides of the railway station has been erected to avoid throwing of the articles from the train by miscreants/smugglers.

ii): 06 numbers of Observation Posts (OP) Towers are being manned between zero line and Munabao railway station to keep surveillance in the area.

iii): The train is escorted by foot/vehicle patrolling on both sides of the track to ensure that no illegal activity takes place on this stretch.

iv): Proper floodlight is in place to illuminate the area.

v): After the passing of train through the area a search of the railway track is being carried out thoroughly.

vi): A proper SOP has been framed for opening of the border fence gate and escorting the train up to Munabao railway station.